INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY-INVOLVED HIT SHOOTING
SUSPECT DECEASED
IAB# SH2078688
URN: 002-14916-1613-013

On Sunday, November 10, 2002, Sergeants Michael Berg and Daryl Meeks of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to Carson Station regarding a deputy-involved hit shooting. Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Greg Johnson also responded.

Around 2200 hours, Carson patrol unit 164T2, Deputy Guerrero received a Lojack hit of a white Honda Civic, license [redacted]. A nearby aero unit confirmed the hit, and advised Carson units that the vehicle was a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle, and was wanted in connection with a murder in LAPD 77th Division. Aero directed units to the Victoria Park area. While patrolling the Victoria Park area, Carson unit 164A3, Deputy Bowley, saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle at Mettler Av. and 182nd St. Bowley followed the vehicle, obtained the license plate, and saw a male Black driver in the vehicle. Bowley advised other units he was following the stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle.

The vehicle eventually turned onto southbound Avalon Bl. Bowley continued to follow the vehicle in Code 9 mode, and coordinated units to his position. As the vehicle approached University Av. and there were several patrol units with Bowley, Bowley initiated a felony traffic stop of the suspect vehicle. The vehicle stopped at the intersection of Avalon Bl. and University Av.

Bowley was the primary unit, and was stopped in the number 1 lane of Avalon Bl. The suspect vehicle was stopped approximately 20 feet directly in front of Bowley's unit. There was a patrol car to Bowley's west in the number 2 traffic lane (Deputy Kluth), and a unit to Bowley's east in the number 2 left turn lane. There were numerous patrol cars behind the first three patrol cars. Bowley gave commands to the driver to remain in his car and show his hands. Additional deputies came up to the first three radio cars, and were configured as follows:

-Radio car #181, farthest east in #2 left turn lane; Deputy Gibson in the open driver's door; Deputy Ortiz to the left and behind Gibson; Deputy Barri in the open passenger side front door; Witness Deputy Novelich beside Barri.

-Radio car #1674, the primary unit in the southbound #1 lane; Deputy Bowley in the open driver's door; Deputy Abdulfattah in the open passenger side front door.

-Radio car #328, farthest west in the southbound #2 lane; Deputy Kluth in the open driver's door; Deputy Secrist behind the passenger front tire and engine block; Deputies Docuyanan and Jerzykowski behind the open front passenger door.

Deputy Guerrero was beside the open driver door of patrol car #965, which was positioned behind Bowley's patrol car, and slightly to the left. To the left and front of car #965 was Gibson's vehicle in the left turn lane.

Despite Bowley's commands to Suspect Joseph Queen, he exited he driver's door of the Honda. Queen initially faced away from the deputies behind him, but looked back toward the deputies. Queen turned his body and pointed his right hand across his body toward the deputies. Queen held a .45 semiautomatic handgun in his right hand and fired one round toward the deputies.

Deputies Bowley, Abdulfattah, Kluth, Secrist, Jerzykowski, Docuyanan, Barri, Gibson, Ortiz and Guerrero returned fire at the suspect. The suspect ran in an easterly direction toward the center median. He fell to the ground in the left turn bay, 15-20 feet in front of Deputy Gibson's patrol car. When the suspect fell to the ground, all deputies stopped firing their weapons.

Several deputies noticed Queen's car continued to roll slowly southbound on Avalon Bl. after Queen exited the car. Queen's car continued approximately 200 feet south on Avalon Bl. until it came to rest against the west curb. Several deputies gave chase, then cleared the vehicle. There were no other persons in the vehicle.

Deputies Kluth and Bowley approached the suspect, and handcuffed him. Queen had dropped his weapon as he fell to the ground. The weapon was approximately 5-10 feet from Queen. Paramedics were requested to the scene. Queen was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance. Queen was pronounced dead in the Emergency Room by Dr. Karadi.

A total of 99 rounds were fired by deputy personnel. Queen sustained 18 hits. Three patrol cars were struck by rounds. All six of the rounds which struck patrol cars were fired from north to south, by deputy personnel. Refer to the Property Damage section for further information regarding the damaged patrol cars.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

BOWLEY, Jason, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

GUERRERO, Kimberly, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

SECRIST, Jerald, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

JERZYKOWSKI, Bradley, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

ABULFATTAH, Tareq, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

DOCUYANAN, Dean, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

KLUTH, David, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

BARRI, Ronald, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

GIBSON, John, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

ORTIZ, Jerry, Deputy #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

BOWLEY, Jason



Date of Employment	04/10/96
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

GUERRERO, Kimberly



Date of Employment	10/30/96
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

SECRIST, Jerald

Date of Employment	12/17/90
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

JERZYKOWSKI, Bradley

Date of Employment	09/06/00
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

ABULFATTAH, Tareq

Date of Employment	10/14/99
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

DOCUYANAN, Dean

Date of Employment	08/26/96
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

KLUTH, David

Date of Employment	08/16/91
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

BARRI, Ronald

Date of Employment	02/09/90
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

GIBSON, John

Date of Employment	03/09/89
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

ORTIZ, Jerry

Date of Employment	02/09/90
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	1
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

SUSPECT/INMATE:

Queen, Joseph MB/23 Booking # None (Deceased)

Suspect Queen [redacted] A check of the CCHRS (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System) [redacted] Suspect Queen (CII# [redacted] Refer to the CCHRS printout located in **Miscellaneous Documents** for additional details regarding his criminal history.

At the time of the incident, Queen was wanted in connection with an LAPD murder case, which occurred on 11-09-02. LAPD Homicide Detectiv[redacted] was interviewed by LASD homicide detectives regarding Queen's status as a suspect (refer to the homicide book, **Exhibit A, p. 48**). Also interviewed was Queen's [redacted] told LAPD and LASD homicide investigators Queen had confessed committing a murder to her. Refer to the interview of [redacted] in the homicide book **(Exhibit A, p. 48-50**).

WITNESSES:

Sworn:

NOVELICH, Gary #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Compton Station/GET

[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Carson Station

LEAR, Davis #[redacted]
Reserve Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Carson Station

SATHER, Steve #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Carson Station

COOK, John #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Carson Station

[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff, LASD
Carson Station

Civilian:

[redacted] FB/28
[redacted]
Ph# [redacted]

INJURIES:

QUEEN, Joseph

- -(1) gunshot wound to left cheek area.
- -(3) gunshot wounds to the chest.
- -(2) gunshot wounds to the left hip.
- -(3) gunshot wounds to the left thigh.
- -(1) gunshot wound to the right thigh.
- -(1) gunshot wound to the right leg.
- -(1) gunshot wound to the right lower leg.
- -(1) gunshot wound to the left back.
- -(1) gunshot wound to the right buttocks.
- -(2) gunshot wounds to the left arm.
- -(2) grazing gunshot wounds to the right hand.

There were 18 gunshot wounds to the suspect. Fourteen rounds were recovered from the suspect by the coroner. Two rounds (right thigh and left hip) were through and through rounds. The two grazing wound rounds were not recovered. Refer to the L.A. County Coroner's report #2002-08435 for further information (included in **Exhibit A**, p.152-191). Dr. Chinwa from the Coroner's Office listed the cause of death as "multiple gunshot wounds."

Suspect Queen was treated at the scene by paramedics from L.A. County Fire Station 36. He was was transported via AMR ambulance to the Emergency Room at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center in Torrance. Queen was pronounced dead at the hospital by ER Dr. Karadi at 2250 hours. Refer to photographs of the suspect's treatment at the scene, **Exhibit J**. No deputies were injured.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Refer to the Homicide Book, **Exhibit A, p. 62-83** for Physical Evidence gathered at the crime scene(s) and processed by the Crime Lab. The Crime Lab report is located in **pages 95-109** of the same exhibit. Refer to the Homicide, Crime Lab, and Coroner reports containing in the Homicide Book, **Exhibit A.**.

Refer to photographs of the crime scene and evidence (**Exhibits D-I**), and the crime scene sketch (**Exhibit B, and p. 95 of Exhibit A**).

Refer to the property damage section for additional comments regarding bullet strikes to departmental vehicles.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The physical evidence at the shooting scene (positions of the deputy's shell casings, position of the suspect, the suspect's gun and shell casing, physical evidence recovered at the scene) appears to be consistent with the deputies' versions of the events.

Refer to the Homicide Book (**Exhibit A, p. 62-83**) for additional scene observations. Also, refer to **Exhibits D-I** for photographs of the scene.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Bowley, Jason

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER[redacted] 13 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Bowley carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Bowley's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item J**).

Deputy Guerrero, Kimberly

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER[redacted] 10 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Guerrero carried her weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Guerrero's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item** H).

Deputy Secrist, Jerald

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 12 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Secrist carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Secrist's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item G**).

Deputy Jerzykowski, Bradley

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 7 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Jerzykowski carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Jerzykowski's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item B**).

Deputy Abdulfattah, Tareq

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 16 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Abdulfattah carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Abdulfattah's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item A**).

Deputy Docuyanan, Dean

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 5 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Docuyanan carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Docuyanan's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item F**).

Deputy Kluth, David

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 5 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Kluth carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Kluth's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item D**).

Deputy Barri, Ronald

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 9 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Barri carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Barri's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item E**).

Deputy Gibson, John

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 13 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Gibson carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Gibson's firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item C**).

Deputy Ortiz, Jerry

Departmental-issued service firearm; Beretta 92F, 9mm, serial #BER [redacted] 9 rounds of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Ortiz carried his weapon with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Ortiz' firearm (**Exhibit A, p. 101-108, lab receipt J296504, Item I**).

According to examinations of the deputies' firearms immediately following the shooting, the deputies fired 99 rounds (refer to Homicide Investigators interviews of the shooters). The crime lab recovered 97 9mm expended shell casings (refer to the crime lab report). All shooter deputies used Beretta 9mm duty weapons.

The crime lab also examined the fourteen recovered rounds from the suspect during the autopsy. After examination of the expended rounds, the crime lab attributed the following bullet strikes: Gibson 3 hits; Barri 1 hit; Abdulfattah 6 hits; Bowley 1 hit; Jerzykowski 1 hit. The crime lab could not determine who fired two of the recovered rounds from the suspect, due to similar characteristics from each gun. Four of the rounds which hit the suspect were not recovered. Two bullet strikes were through-and-through hits, and two strikes were grazing wounds. Refer to the crime lab report in **Exhibit A**, p. 152-191.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Queen used a "Charles Daly .40/.45 caliber, semi-automatic, blue steel, pistol; serial #DA[redacted] he fired at least one round of .45 caliber ammunition. One expended shell casing with a head stamp "PMC .45 Auto" was recovered. All ten shooter deputies used 9mm Beretta handguns and 9mm Winchester Luger ammunition. Refer to photos in **Exhibit D.**

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The following county property was damaged:

Patrol vehicle 1674, assigned to Carson Deputy Bowley. This vehicle was the primary unit directly behind the suspect in the #1 southbound lane of Avalon Bl. The vehicle suffered 1 bullet strike to the driver side hood. The round was fired from north to south, toward the suspect by deputy personnel. Deputy Bowley thought the suspect's round had struck his hood.

Patrol vehicle 181, assigned to Carson Reserve Deputy Gibson. This vehicle was the farthest east unit, in the #2 left turn lane of southbound Avalon Bl. The vehicle suffered 2 bullet strikes; one to the outside driver's door frame (the door was open at the time); one to the passenger side, side door mirror. The rounds were fired from north to south, toward the suspect by deputy personnel. Deputy Barri was uncertain if a suspect round had struck the side mirror in front of him, or if he had hit it with one of his rounds. Deputy Ortiz did not believe his round hit Gibson's outside door frame.

Gibson felt "shrapnel flying" during the shooting. Following the shooting, Gibson stated that Ortiz advised him that Ortiz' first round may have hit Gibson's car. Ortiz denied making that statement to Gibson during his interview. Ortiz stated he had a clear, unobstructed view of the suspect in his line of fire. There were no shooters behind Ortiz or to his left (east).

Patrol vehicle 965, assigned to Carson Deputies Barri and Abdulfattah. This vehicle was positioned behind the primary unit (SD 1674) and slightly to the left, in the #1 southbound lane of Avalon Bl. The vehicle suffered 3 bullet strikes; two to the driver's door forward door frame (the door was open at the time and the bullets passed from the inside of the door frame to the outside); one to the driver's side spotlight (this round also passed from the rear of the spotlight through the front). Deputy Guerrero was positioned next to the driver door during the shooting. She stated she backed up as she fired. She was aware her rounds had struck the patrol vehicle, and notified a field supervisor following the shooting. Guerrero stated she had a clear, unobstructed field of fire toward the suspect. There were no shooters behind Guerrero, or to either side of her.

> **IAB Note: All patrol cars were faced south, toward the suspect. All six bullet strikes were fired from a north-to-south direction, indicating they were fired by deputy personnel. Refer to photos in Exhibit H for bullet strike damage.**

The following private property was damaged:

Suspect's vehicle, white Honda Civic, Lic. [redacted], several bullet strikes. Refer to photographs of the suspect's vehicle (**Exhibit I**).

There was no damage reported to any other private property

Lt. Ralph Webb and Deputy Mike Caprioli of the Civil Litigation Unit responded to scene.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

No criminal charges were filed. Homicide Investigators Lugo and Zumwalt handled the incident.

LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred at approximately 2215 hours. The weather was cloudy and cool. The incident occurred at a major intersection which was well lit. The incident took place almost directly under a functioning street light. Additional lumination came from a other street lights, a signal light, and other lights from a shopping center to the immediate east. The first three patrol cars across the south bound lanes of Avalon Bl. had their spotlights on the suspect vehicle.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

Deputy Bowley, Jason

Deputy Bowley was working a one-man, uniformed Carson patrol car (164A/E3). Around 2200, Deputy Bowley heard information broadcast over Sheriff's L-Tac frequency that Carson unit 164T2 received a Lojack hit on a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. The handling unit contacted an Aero unit, who advised the vehicle was also wanted in a murder out of LAPD 77th Division. The Lojack hit was centered around Carson's Victoria Park area.

Deputy Bowley drove southbound on Mettler Av. approaching 184th street when he saw a white, 2-door Honda with no front plate. The vehicle matched the stolen/murder vehicle's description. As the vehicle approached 182nd Street, the vehicle pulled to the curb and the headlights were turned off. Bowley drove past the vehicle and saw the driver was a male Black, and the sole occupant in the vehicle. The driver looked at Bowley as Bowley continued past the vehicle. Bowley glanced in his rearview mirror and saw the license plate matched the vehicle wanted in connection with the LAPD murder.

Bowley made a U-turn and broadcast via radio that he was Code 9 behind the murder vehicle and was following the vehicle, which was now northbound on Mettler Av. Bowley requested assistance and an Aero unit. The vehicle turned onto eastbound 182nd Street, then southbound on Avalon Bl. When Bowley turned onto Avalon Bl., there were sufficient units behind him to initiate a felony stop of the vehicle. The suspect's vehicle was stopped at a red light at 186th Street. Bowley advised units via the radio he would conduct a felony stop once the light turned green. When the light turned green, Bowley turned on his rotating overhead lights and his siren. Bowley was southbound on Avalon Bl. in the #2 lane. The suspect's vehicle turned into the southbound #1 lane.

The suspect opened the driver's side door. The suspect's vehicle continued to travel slowly south on Avalon. Bowley followed slowly behind the suspect's vehicle. There were numerous Sheriff's patrol cars behind Bowley. The suspect opened his driver's door again and looked back toward Bowley. Bowley, approximately 20-25 feet away from the suspect's vehicle, yelled at the suspect to close the door and stay in the car.

The suspect suddenly got out of his vehicle's driver door as the vehicle continued slowly on Avalon Bl. The suspect's left hand was on the driver's door as he exited, but Bowley could not see the suspect's right hand. Bowley again told the suspect to put his hands up and stay in the car. Bowley stopped his car, and again ordered the suspect to put his hands up. The suspect had his back toward Bowley, but the suspect looked back at Bowley over his left shoulder. Bowley could not see the suspect's hands, which were in front of him.

Bowley exited his car and again ordered the suspect to put his hands up. The suspect turned to the left, toward Bowley and fired one round from a handgun, which Bowley believed struck the driver's side hood of his patrol car. The suspect's gun was in his right hand. Bowley was "scared to

death"and fired several rounds at the suspect. Bowley believed the suspect fired at least 3 rounds. Bowley never expected the suspect to pull out a gun and shoot at him. Bowley did not expect the suspect to try to get away in the car, nor did he expect the suspect to get out of the car and fire at him.

As the suspect fired, he moved laterally toward the east. Bowley was not sure how many rounds he fired. He checked his weapon later, and believed he fired 13 rounds (Bowley fired 13 rounds). After the exchange of gunfire, the suspect fell to the ground. Bowley and another deputy (Kluth) approached the suspect and handcuffed him. the suspect's gun was approximately 5 feet away from the suspect. Bowley believed the suspect may have dropped the gun when he fell to the ground. Kluth radioed for paramedics. The suspect did not make any statements while they waited for paramedics. The paramedics arrived, and transported the suspect to the hospital.

Deputy Guerrero, Kimberly

Deputy Guerrero was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau on April 28, 2003, at 1415 hours. Refer to the verbatim transcript of Deputy Guerrero's interview, which is attached to the end of this investigative summary.

Deputy Secrist, Jerald

Deputy Secrist was working a two-person, Carson [redacted] team unit in a marked patrol car [redacted]. Secrist's partner was Deputy [redacted] They were dressed in marked green Sheriff's polo shirts, Class B pants, and gun belts. Around 2200, Secrist and [redacted] were [redacted] They responded to a Lojack hit on a stolen vehicle which had been used in murder out of LAPD 77th Division. The vehicle was driving around Carson's Victoria Park area. The broadcast described the vehicle as a white Honda, license [redacted] Secrist and [redacted] responded to the area.

Secrist heard a Carson unit request assistance and advised units via the radio that he was following the stolen/murder vehicle near 182nd Street and Mettler Av. Secrist and his partner responded from Avalon Bl. and Victoria Av. Secrist saw several Sheriff's units traveling southbound on Avalon Bl. behind the suspect vehicle. Secrist followed the units and was one of several units behind the suspect vehicle.

A Carson unit advised the other units via radio that they were going to initiate a traffic stop after all the units got into position near Avalon Bl. and University Dr. As the handling unit activated its overhead lights to make the traffic stop, the suspect vehicle slowed to a crawl. Secrist's patrol car (#149) was behind two other patrol cars traveling southbound on Avalon Bl. When the suspect vehicle stopped, Secrist exited his car. He ran to the farthest west patrol car and took a position in front of the right front passenger door of vehicle #328, behind the engine block.

As Secrist took his position, the suspect exited the driver's side of the white Honda. Secrist saw the suspect pointing a gun toward the deputies. Secrist had a side view of the suspect as he came out of the car, east of where Secrist stood. The suspect held his gun with his right hand. The suspect fired his weapon at the deputies. Secrist, fearing for the deputies' safety, fired his weapon several times. Secrist believed the suspect was going to kill his partners. Secrist initially believed he fired 4-5 rounds. Upon checking his weapon later, he believed he fired 10-11 rounds (Secrist fired 12 rounds).

As the shooting occurred, Secrist saw the suspect's vehicle creep southbound on Avalon Bl. Following the shooting, several deputies handcuffed the suspect. Secrist and Deputy Docuyanan chased the suspect vehicle as it continued slowly southbound on Avalon Bl. They ran on the west sidewalk until the vehicle rolled up on the west curb of Avalon Bl. and stopped. Secrist and Docuyanan cleared the vehicle and found no other suspects.

Deputy Jerzykowski, Bradley

Deputy Jerzykowski was working a two-man, uniformed Carson patrol car (167A/E) with his partner, Deputy Docuyanan. Jerzykowski was the book man. While patrolling, they heard over the radio that a unit had a Lojack hit on a vehicle. Units were requested to respond, and as they went to the location, Jerzykowski heard the Lojack vehicle had been stolen, and the driver was considered armed and dangerous. The stolen vehicle was located in an area of Avalon Bl. south of Victoria Av.

Jerzykowski and his partner drove southbound on Avalon Bl. and became the third unit behind the handling unit, Deputy Bowley. Bowley advised units via radio he would make a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle at Avalon Bl. and University. As the red traffic signal turned to green, Bowley initiated a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle did not proceed, and deputies exited their cars.

Jerzykowski exited the passenger door of his car, and took a position behind the open, right front door of the radio car in front of him. The car he positioned himself at (Deputy Kluth's car) was to the right of Deputy Bowley's vehicle. Jerzykowski had a clear view of the suspect as the suspect exited his car, and could see the suspect over the vehicle. Jerzykowski was approximately 15-20 feet from the suspect. The deputies were telling the suspect to remain in his car. Jerzykowski remembered the area was well lit by streetlights and patrol car spotlights.

As the suspect exited his car, he turned back toward the deputies, facing north. The suspect pointed a semiautomatic handgun toward Bowley and the other deputies, and fired two to three rounds. Jerzykowski saw two muzzle flashes from the suspect's gun, and heard two to three rounds from the suspect's gun. Jerzykowski feared the suspect would injure or kill the other deputies or himself. Jerzykowski believed he fired six rounds at the suspect (Jerzykowski fired nine rounds). After Jerzykowski and the other deputies fired, the suspect fell to the ground.

Jerzykowski saw the suspect vehicle rolled forward on Avalon Bl. at idle speed. The vehicle continued southbound as deputies chased it. The vehicle came to rest against the curb on the west side of Avalon Bl. Deputies found no additional persons in the car.

Deputy Abdulfattah, Tareq

Deputy Abdulfattah was working a two-person, uniformed Carson patrol unit (163A4E) with his partner, Deputy Barri. Abdulfattah was the book man. While patrolling, they heard another unit receive a hit on a felony, armed and dangerous vehicle. They drove toward Avalon Bl., where the vehicle was believed to be. Abdulfattah heard Deputy Bowley broadcast that he was following the suspect vehicle. Bowley stated he would attempt to stop the vehicle southbound on Avalon Bl. from 182nd St.

When Abdulfattah and his partner arrived in the area, they saw Deputy Bowley and 3-4 patrol cars following the suspect southbound on Avalon Bl. Abdulfattah and his partner took the second position, directly behind Bowley. When the traffic stop took place, Abdulfattah exited the passenger side door of his car and took a position of cover behind the open passenger door of Bowley's car (#1674). Abdulfattah believed his partner went to the left, but he was not exactly sure where. Abdulfattah was aware of Deputy Kluth to his right in the #2 lane, and Deputy Bowley to his left. Several other deputies were behind him.

The suspect exited the driver's door of his car and immediately fired two to three shots in the direction of Bowley. Abdulfattah saw the muzzle flashes from the suspect's gun, and also saw the suspect's car begin to travel southbound Avalon Bl. at approximately 2 mph.

The suspect ran eastbound across Avalon Bl. and pointed his gun across his body to the left at the deputies. Abdulfattah feared for his life and the other deputies lives. He fired his weapon at the suspect (Abdulfattah fired 16 rounds). He was aware of other deputies firing their weapons as well. The gunfire from the deputies began at the same time and ended at the same time. Abdulfattah believed he was approximately 15 feet from the suspect at the time of the shooting. The suspect reached the center divider/left turn bay area (of Avalon Bl.) and fell down. Other deputies moved toward the suspect and took him into custody. The scene was contained until Homicide investigators arrived.

Deputy Docuyanan, Dean

Deputy Docuyanan was working a two-person, Carson patrol unit in a marked patrol car (167A4/E). Secrist's partner and book man was Deputy Jerzykowski. They were dressed in Class A uniforms. Around 2200, Docuyanan and Jerzykowski were patrolling the area around Figueroa Av. and Torrance Bl. when they overheard the Sheriff's radio broadcast that another Carson unit received a Lojack hit of a stolen vehicle that was used in a murder out of LAPD's 77th Division. The Carson unit advised the vehicle was in the area of 186th and Figueroa. Docuyanan and his partner responded to the area to check for the vehicle. As they responded, an aero unit advised the vehicle was armed and dangerous, and was driving around the Victoria Park area.

While they checked the Victoria Park area, Deputy Bowley made a radio broadcast that he was following the suspect vehicle near 182nd St. And Mettler Av. Docuyanan drove southbound on Avalon Bl. toward Bowley, and saw Bowley in front of him following the suspect vehicle. Docuyanan pulled in behind Bowley.

Bowley was stopped in the area of Avalon bl. and University Dr. when he advised he was going to conduct a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. There were numerous additional units as Bowley advised units he was conducting the stop. Once Bowley made the stop, Docuyanan exited his vehicle (#700). Docuyanan and Jerzykowski ran to the far west patrol car (#328), and both took a position behind the right front passenger door. Docuyanan concentrated his view on the suspect vehicle when he saw the suspect exit via the driver's side door in order to see if there were additional suspects. The suspect was a male Black and wore dark clothing.

Docuyanan heard three consecutive gunshots coming from the suspect vehicle. Upon hearing the gunshots, Docuyanan looked toward where the suspect stood, and saw a muzzle flash coming from there. Fearing for his safety, he fired approximately 5 rounds toward the suspect (Docuyanan fired 5 rounds). The suspect immediately fell to the ground. After the suspect fell, Docuyanan focused attention on the suspect vehicle which was traveling slowly southbound on Avalon Bl. The vehicle eventually came to rest near the west curb of Avalon Bl. When Docuyanan saw other deputies cover the suspect, he and Deputy Secrist ran southbound after the suspect vehicle. They checked the vehicle and found no other suspects.

Paramedics arrived at the scene and transported the suspect to the hospital.

Deputy Kluth, David

Deputy Kluth was working a two-man, uniformed Carson patrol car (169A/P). Kluth had just completed his PM shift and was in Carson Station with his [redacted] when he heard a field unit receive a Lojack hit. Kluth, being trained in the use of Lojack, went outside, got into a Lojack equipped patrol car, and responded to assist field units. Kluth responded as a one-man unit.

While driving toward the area the armed and dangerous stolen vehicle was located, Kluth heard Deputy Bowley on the patch requesting assistance at 182nd St. and Mettler Av. Bowley indicated he was following the suspects's vehicle. The suspect vehicle turned onto southbound Avalon Bl. from 182nd Street. Bowley advised units via the radio he would conduct a felony traffic stop around Avalon Bl. and University Av. Deputy Kluth arrived and drove his vehicle to the right of Bowley's patrol vehicle. The suspect was parked in the #1 lane, with Bowley's car behind the suspect vehicle, also in the #1 lane. Kluth was in the #2 lane to the west of Bowley.

Kluth heard Bowley give announcements to the suspect to stay in his vehicle. Kluth exited his patrol car and took cover behind his door. Kluth saw the suspect exit his car with his back toward the deputies. The suspect turned to the left, and raised his right hand. Kluth saw a black gun in the

suspect's hand as the suspect began to shoot at the deputies. The suspect fired 3-4 shots, Kluth hearing the gunfire. Kluth believed the suspect would shoot him or the other deputies. Kluth believed he fired 5-6 rounds at he suspect. The suspect moved in an easterly direct and fell to the ground as other deputies shot at the suspect. Kluth heard gunshots coming from behind and to the left of him; he also heard gunshots from deputies even with him. Kluth remembered only Deputy Bowley's vehicle next to him.

After the suspect fell to the ground, Kluth and Bowley approached the suspect and handcuffed him. The suspect's vehicle had rolled southbound on Avalon Bl. He did not believe there were additional suspect's in the vehicle.

Deputy Barri, Ronald

Deputy Barri was working a two-person, Carson patrol unit in a marked patrol car (163A4/E). Barri's partner and book man was Deputy Abdulfattah. They were dressed in Class A uniforms. Barri and his partner heard another unit run a license plate and the plate returned as a stolen vehicle, armed and dangerous. Deputy Bowley initiated a Code 9 behind the suspect vehicle on Avalon Bl. and University Av. Barri was at 184th St. and Avalon Bl. when he saw the suspect vehicle approach him with two patrol units behind it. Bowley advised units via the radio he would conduct a felony traffic stop.

Barri stopped his patrol vehicle in the #1 lane, Bowley was in the #2 lane and Deputy Kluth was behind Bowley's unit. The suspect vehicle was in the #2 lane. Additional units arrived and took positions in the left turn lane to Barri's left (east). Barri left his vehicle and took a position at Deputy Gibson's patrol car front passenger door. Gibson's vehicle (#181) was to the east of Barri's vehicle (#2 left turn lane).

Barri heard Bowley give commands to the suspect as the suspect sat in his vehicle. The suspect put his left foot out of the car onto the ground, and brought his left hand up as he sat in his vehicle. As the suspect exited his vehicle, he put his right hand next to his jacket pocket and refused to raise his hand. The suspect turned toward Barri and raised his right arm. Barri saw a muzzle flash as the suspect shot from a gun he carried. Barri returned fire, shooting four rounds, then ducked behind the patrol car door. The suspect shot another round which struck the patrol car to the left of Barri. Barri recalled seeing two muzzle flashes from the suspect's gun. Barri realized the patrol vehicle car to his left (Gibson's) had been hit.

Barri looked to see where the suspect was, and saw the suspect move in an easterly direction toward the median divider of Avalon Bl. The suspect appeared to be falling or going to the ground to prone out, possibly even tripping or falling. Barri shot additional rounds at the suspect and saw the suspect fall to the ground.

Several deputies approached the suspect. Deputy Kluth was on the west side of the suspect, and Deputy Barri was on the east side of the suspect. Deputy Ortiz and another (unknown) deputy approached the suspect from the middle. Barri covered the suspect while Ortiz and Kluth handcuffed the suspect. Barri took control of the suspect's weapon, which was approximately 10 feet from the suspect.

After the suspect was on the ground, Barri noticed the suspect's vehicle rolled forward, south on Avalon Bl. The vehicle rolled approximately 60-70 yards where it hit the curb and stopped. Additional deputies responded the suspect's vehicle. No other suspect's were found.

Barri believed he fired five rounds (Barri fired 9 rounds). He did not recall hearing any other deputies' rounds. The patrol car door which Barri had taken cover behind (Gibson's #181), took a round to the side mirror (passenger side). Barri could not recall if the suspect had shot the mirror, or if he had shot the mirror while firing at the suspect.

Deputy Gibson, John

Reserve Deputy Gibson was working a one-man, uniformed Carson patrol unit (160R/P). At approximately 2200 hours, as Gibson was about to end his shift, he heard radio traffic of a Carson unit which obtained a Lojack hit of a stolen vehicle. Gibson drove his patrol car (#181) to the area of the hit. He saw the suspect vehicle driving southbound on Avalon Bl. near 189th St. He saw other patrol units were present, and the suspect vehicle was southbound in the #2 lane of Avalon Bl. The suspect vehicle stopped at a red traffic signal. As the light changed to green, the handling unit advised the other units via the radio that he was initiating a traffic stop.

Gibson recalled about 10 patrol units were present. The suspect vehicle was in the #1 lane. Gibson positioned his patrol car in the left turn lane (#2) of Avalon Bl., just north of University. Gibson's vehicle was next to (east of) the primary unit, which was stopped behind the suspect vehicle. Gibson used his spotlight to illuminate the suspect vehicle.

There were other vehicles positioned behind Gibson's vehicle. The primary unit to his right was Deputy Bowley. Gibson heard Bowley give verbal commands to the suspect to stay in the car. He heard other deputies yell various commands for the suspect to show his hands. The suspect did not comply with the commands, and got out of his car.

Gibson positioned himself in the driver's side open doorway of his car. There was good lighting at the scene. The deputies yelled at the suspect to put up his hands. The suspect's right foot was still inside the vehicle and the suspect looked to his left behind him. The suspect quickly raised a gun in his right hand, pointed it toward the deputies, and fired. The suspect's hand motion was a sweeping motion, as he quickly raised the gun, pointed it and fired. Gibson saw a muzzle flash from the suspect's gun. The suspect then ran in a easterly direction with his gun pointing back toward the deputies. Gibson was between 20-30 feet from the suspect at the time of the shooting.

Gibson feared the suspect was going to shoot deputies, so he fired his weapon at the suspect in an attempt to stop him from killing someone. Gibson believed he fired eight shots (Gibson fired 13 shots). He heard additional gunfire from the other deputies. Gibson stopped shooting when the suspect fell to the ground. All other gunfire also stopped at this time. The suspect fell to the ground in the left turn bay (from Avalon Bl onto University) which was directly in front of Gibson's patrol car.

Other deputies ran up to the suspect while Gibson and other deputies ran after the suspect's vehicle, which had rolled away from the location southbound on Avalon Bl. The car came to a rest against the curb. The deputies cleared the vehicle. As Gibson ran after the vehicle, he heard radio traffic that there had been an officer involved shooting, and paramedics were requested.

When Gibson returned to his patrol car, he saw what appeared to be a bullet strike to the left driver's door on the outer edge. The strike appeared to have come from behind him. Gibson recalled feeling shrapnel flying around him at one point during the shooting. He also recalled another deputy named Ortiz come up on his left following the shooting. Ortiz told Gibson that the round that hit Gibson's car may have been his first shot. Gibson was uninjured.

Deputy Ortiz, Jerry

Deputy Ortiz was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau on March 18, 2003, at 1415 hours. Refer to the verbatim transcript of Deputy Ortiz' interview, which is attached to the end of this investigative summary.

WITNESS STATEMENTS:

Civilian Witness

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] ad just arrived in the area from Colorado. She was standing at a bus stop on the west side of Avalon Bl. She was not sure which cross street she was near. She saw a lot of police cars go past her and stop. She remembered hearing many gunshots, and she fell to the ground and hid behind the bus stop. She did not see anything.

> **IAB Note: A canvas of the area was conducted for witnesses by Deputies Dasner, and King. There were no other direct civilian witnesses to the shooting. Several civilian witnesses heard gunshots, but nothing substantive to relate. Refer to the supplementary reports contained in the Homicide Book (Exhibit A, pgs.16, 24-25).**

Deputy Witnesses

Deputy Novelich, Gary

Deputy Novelich was working a Compton GET Team unit with his partner, Deputy Jerry Ortiz, the driver. They were dressed in a marked, green Sheriff's raid jacket, blue jeans and gun belt. They were patrolling the west end of Compton when they received a MDT message regarding a Lojack hit of a stolen vehicle used in a murder from LAPD 77th Division. They also received the information via their L-tac frequency about the vehicle description and license.

A Carson unit advised he had a Lojack hit around 168th St. and Figueroa, and also advised the vehicle was in the vicinity of the Carson/Compton border. Ortiz and Novelich drove south on Avalon Bl. when a Carson unit advised via the patch he was following the suspect vehicle, a white Honda Civic. As they traveled south on Avalon Bl., they drove up behind several Carson units following the suspect vehicle south of Victoria Bl.

Carson units advised they were going to make a felony traffic stop as the suspect vehicle stopped at a red light. When the light turned green, a Carson unit turned on his overhead rotating lights. The suspect vehicle was in the #1 or #2 lane when it slowed and came to a stop. The vehicle in front of Novelich (#181)drove across the center divider to flank the suspect on the east. Ortiz and Novelich parked their car (#278) behind that patrol vehicle. Novelich grabbed the shotgun from the radio car and took a position behind the right passenger front door of radio car #181. He stood to the right of another deputy also in the same doorway.

Deputies ordered the suspect out of his vehicle. Novelich saw a male Black exit his car, pull out a handgun with his right hand, and fire one round toward the deputies. Novelich saw a muzzle flash from the suspect's weapon. Novelich went down to his knee behind the cover of the radio car door. Novelich heard numerous rounds fired by deputy personnel following the suspect's round. Novelich did not fire his shotgun because several deputies were standing by him and he did not feel he could safely fire the shotgun. Novelich did not fire his handgun either.

After the shooting, Novelich gave his shotgun to Deput[redacted]and[redacted]eturned the shotgun to Novelich's vehicle.

Deputy [redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted] responded to Avalon Bl. and 184th St. regarding a Code 9 on a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. The vehicle traveled southbound on Avalon Bl. A felony traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle at Avalon Bl. and University. The vehicle stopped and a deputy gave orders to the suspect. [redacted] saw the suspect vehicle's driver door open. the suspect stood at the driver door facing the deputies. The suspect held his right hand toward his thigh as if concealing something.

The suspect then lifted his right hand and appeared to be holding a black, semi-automatic handgun. The suspect fired one round toward the deputies' direction. Numerous deputies returned fire. The suspect was struck by the gunfire and fell to the ground, dropping the weapon. Deputies secured the weapon. Other deputies rendered first aid until the arrival of rescue.

Deputy Lear, Davis

Reserve Deputy Lear (165RT) responded to the scene regarding a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. When he arrived, he heard a short burst of ammo, followed by many shots fired from Carson units. He proceeded to the scene and saw the suspect was down. He followed L.A. County paramedics from Station 36 and AMR ambulance to Harbor UCLA Medical Center. In the E.R., Dr. Karadi pronounced the suspect dead at 2250 hours. Lear observed approximately 11 bullet wounds to the suspect. He noted the suspect was a Black male in his twenties.

Lear returned to the scene, and took photographs and video of the crime scene.

Deputy Sather, Steve

Deputy Sather (165A4/E) was in the station when he heard that a Carson unit was following a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. When Sather exited the station, he heard via his hand-held radio that there had been a deputy involved shooting. Sather responded to the scene and initially blocked northbound Avalon Bl. traffic at 192nd St. He then responded to the scene, gathered information, and wrote the first report. He also wrote a supplemental report. Refer to **Exhibit A, pgs. 1-10, 17**.

Deputy Cook, John

Deputy Cook(167F/P) responded to Avalon Bl. and 189th St. regarding a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. He pulled up to the scene, facing southbound on Avalon Bl. Cook exited his patrol car and heard numerous gunshots as he advance south toward the deputies. He saw deputies diving for cover.

When Cook arrived at the front of the incident, he saw Deputy Kluth standing over the suspect and telling units the situation was Code 4. Cook saw the suspect vehicle rolling southbound on Avalon. He and Deputy Selander ran after the vehicle. When they caught up to the vehicle, Cook and several other deputies cleared the vehicle. Cook returned to the scene and provided security over the suspect's weapon which was found in the street. He remained there until relieved by Homicide detectives.

Deput[redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was working a two-person, Carson [redacted] eam unit in a marked patrol car ([redacted] s partner was Deputy Secrist. They were dressed in marked green Sheriff's polo shirts, Class B pants, and gun belts. They responded to the Avalon Bl. and 182nd St. regarding a Code 9 on a stolen, armed and dangerous vehicle. The suspect vehicle traveled south on Avalon Bl. There were several patrol units behind the suspect, as well as an aero unit.

Units conducted a felony traffic stop at Avalon and University. [redacted] exited her car (# [redacted] and approached the lead car. She was about 10-12 feet from the back of the primary car when she heard an unknown deputy yell, "Stop!" She saw a male Black suspect attempting to run away from the suspect vehicle. [redacted] heard one gunshot which appeared to come from the suspect's direction, followed by multiple shots fired by deputies.

[redacted] dove for cover behind the radio car in front of her. When she looked up, she saw the suspect fall to the ground and heard Deputy Kluth yell, "Stop shooting!" She saw the suspect's vehicle rolling slowly southbound on Avalon Bl. [redacted] and Deputy Cook chased the vehicle along with several other deputies. They cleared the vehicle. She remained with the suspect's vehicle until she was relieved.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

No statement– deceased.

Toxicology reports from the coroner showed the suspect did not have the presence of any drug or alcohol in his system.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:

None